

REMARKS

Claims 19-34 are pending. It is respectfully submitted that the present response presents no new issues or new matter and places this case in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is requested.

I. Written Description Support

Although a new matter rejection of claims 19-34 has not been made, this amendment is submitted to clarify on the record where support for the claimed method of extracting "a hydrophobic polypeptide of interest" from a fermentation broth is found in the specification.

The term "a hydrophobic polypeptide of interest" is not explicitly employed in the specification. The specification discloses "recovering the surfactant-rich top phase containing the polypeptide of interest." Practicing the claimed method, however, would inherently result in the extraction of hydrophobic polypeptides, because the hydrophobic polypeptides would separate into the surfactant-rich top phase recited in the claims when practicing the claimed method. Thus, as "recovering the surfactant-rich top phase containing the polypeptide of interest" inherently results in extraction of "hydrophobic polypeptides", the specification necessarily discloses the extraction of "a hydrophobic polypeptide of interest." See MPEP 2163.07(a).

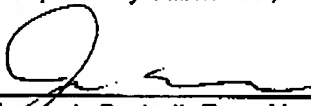
Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the specification supports "recovering the surfactant-rich top phase containing a hydrophobic polypeptide of interest", and no new matter has been added.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early action to that end is respectfully requested. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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